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(b) whether the Government have perused the report of the meeting of the Senate of the Andhra University held on the 28th of September last whereat the Vice-Chancellor reported to the Senate that the matter was in correspondence with the Government who had been addressed to reconsider their decision and remove what appears to the Syndicate to be quite an unnecessary restriction; and

(c) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the near future?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government have not received the report referred to.

(c) The Government do not propose to take any action.

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"With reference to clause (c) of the answer to this question, may I ask the hon. Minister whether he is not going to take any action?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I am afraid it is for me to answer the question, Sir. The report referred to has not been received and that is why we do not propose to take any action."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"May I ask whether the Government cannot take action on their own initiative?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"No. We do not propose to take any action on our own initiative."

## Survey

### *Abolition of some survey parties.*

\* 927 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that some parties in the Survey department were abolished in 1927-28;

(b) how many 'parties' were so abolished;

(c) how many temporary hands and how many permanent hands were dispensed with owing to such abolition;

(d) whether it is a fact that in abolishing a party only the temporary surveyors were dispensed with and the permanent hands retained;

(e) whether it is a fact that the higher officers have as a consequence left to them such field work as is done by surveyors; and

(f) how many higher officers and field-surveyors are proposed to be abolished during the year 1928-29?

A.—(a) & (b) One party was abolished with effect from 1st October 1927.

(c) & (d) No men holding permanent appointments were dispensed with. The temporary establishment normally required for one party including temporary surveyors was dispensed with. That establishment consists of 4 Sub-Assistants, 6 Head Surveyors, 45 Deputy Surveyors, 150 Field Surveyors, 80 Computer-draughtsmen, 30 clerks, 35 peons. The Government

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- have no information as to the actual number of men discharged as all the posts may not have been filled and as some of the men may have been provided for in the other parties.
- (e) No.
- (f) There is no proposal to abolish any posts in 1928-29.

### Settlement

*Starting of resettlement work in South Kanara.*

\* 928-A Q.—MR. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) when resettlement work was started in South Kanara and how long it is expected to proceed ; and
- (b) what the total estimated cost of the work is ?

A.—(a) Resettlement work, so far as the revision of the registration is concerned, was started in 1925-26 and is in progress. It is not possible to say now when that work will be completed. Revision of the rates of assessment is due in some taluks in 1932-33, and in others in 1933-34 and in 1934-35.

(b) No estimate has been made.

*Progress of resettlement work in South Kanara.*

\* 928-B Q.—MR. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

- (a) to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of the progress of resettlement work actually done in South Kanara containing such points as villages examined, statistics obtained, etc. ;
- (b) to state whether the Government will consider the desirability of informing the public and Members of the Legislative Council representing the district of the enquiry in its various important stages ; and
- (c) to state whether the Government will give an opportunity to the public and the Members of the Council representing the district to be present at the enquiry and lead and test evidence, where necessary, in order to help the Settlement officer to arrive at just conclusions ?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 12 of the reports on the operations connected with survey, settlement and maintenance of revenue records and registration for the years 1926-27 and 1927-28 which have been placed on the Editors' Table. The Government have no further information on the subject.

- (b) & (c) The orders of Government require the Special Settlement officer to give public notice of his presence in the tract to be resettled. Any one wishing to make any representation in connexion with the resettlement may do so to the Special Settlement officer.

MR. K. R. KARANT :—“ With reference to clause (a), may I ask the hon. Member for Revenue whether it is not a fact that these reports do not give any details at all of the work actually going on ? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—“ That is all the details we have, Sir.”